

**Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
June 19, 2006**

Status

The Partnership Agreement and The Kentucky Plan

Partnership: The Council staff has provided a status report to the Office for Civil Rights regarding the 2006–08 biennial budget, highlighting items related to the enhancement of Kentucky State University.

CPE/KSU Comprehensive Assessment Oversight Committee: The CPE/KSU Comprehensive Assessment Oversight Committee met June 12, 2006. The committee reviewed the progress of KSU toward full implementation of the recommendations of the Baker & Hostetler Report.

The committee received information regarding the status of the Young Hall dormitory replacement project that was identified in the November 2005 amended Partnership with the Office for Civil Rights. The project status:

- EOP Architects will design the replacement facility. The project scope is \$8.0 million. The project has been bid, the bid award date is mid-June, and construction is anticipated to begin in July 2006.
- Project completion is scheduled for July 2007; students may live in the facility beginning August 2007.
- The facility will house approximately 145 students.
- The existing Young Hall facility will remain in operation during construction and for the immediate future until the university completely replaces the 300 beds currently provided by the Young hall facility. The 2006-08 appropriations Act includes \$20 million of authority for KSU to construct additional student housing from private funds. When the capacity issue has been addressed, it is the intent of the university to demolish the Young Hall facility.

Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program:

- The University of Louisville is hosting the 2006 Annual Statewide Conference of the GMSCPP June 13-14, 2006.
- Eastern Kentucky University is hosting the Academically Proficient African American High School Junior and Senior Conference June 16-17, 2006.
- Memorandums of Agreements for GMSCPP programs have been issued for the 2006-08 biennium. All institutions have an opportunity to participate in this program.
- In collaboration with the Kentucky Virtual Library, the CEO Equal Opportunity Program will be a sponsor for the 2008 National Diversity in Libraries Conference that will be held in Kentucky. Up to 75 students participating in the Governor's Minority Student College Preparation Program will be invited to participate.